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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Masayoshi ESASHI et al.**

Art Unit: **3715**

Application No.: **10/585,998**

Examiner: **Nikolai A. Gishnock**

Filed: **July 13, 2006**

Confirmation Number: **1367**

For: **DRIVING MECHANISM USING SHAPE MEMORY
ALLOYS AND DEVICES EQUIPPED WITH THE SAME**

Attorney Docket Number: **062782**

Customer Number: **38834**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

June 10, 2009

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated May 12, 2009, and having a response due date set for June 12, 2009.

In the Office Action, Applicants are required to elect one of the following groups of claims for prosecution in this application:

- Group I Claims 1, 2, 4-6 and 11-17, drawn to a driving mechanism using shape memory alloys;
- Group II Claims 7 and 8, drawn to a tactile display device;
- Group III Claims 9 and 10, drawn to a tactile printer;
- Group IV Claims 18-20, drawn to an optical device; and
- Group V Claim 21, drawn to a catheter.

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group I, Claims 1, 2, 4-6 and 11-17. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the Applicants' rights to the filing of a

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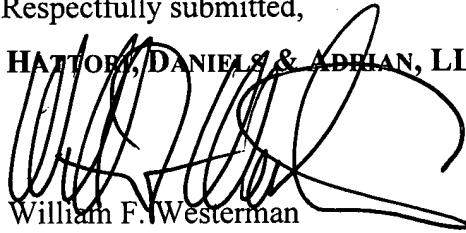
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Divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 35 U.S.C. §121 are retained.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. If any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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